IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph starting at Page 7, Line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2A is a top plan view of the housing of the leveling device of FIG. 1A;

Please replace the paragraphs starting at Page 7, Line 21 through Page 7, Line 26 with the following amended paragraphs:

FIG. 3A is a side view of the driven gear of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C which has a single stem;

FIG. 3B is an end view of the driven gear of FIG. 3A of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C viewed from the end opposite the single stem;

FIG. 3C is a side view of another embodiment of the driven gear of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C which has a bushing ~~two stems~~ which may be used with the invention;

Please add the following two new paragraphs on Page 7, after Line 26:

FIG. 3D is an end view of the driven gear of FIG. 3C of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C viewed from the end opposite the single stem;

FIG. 3E is a side view of another embodiment of the driven gear of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C which has two stems and a bushing which may be used with the invention;

Please replace the paragraphs starting at Page 7, Line 27 through Page 8, Line 16 with the following amended paragraphs:

FIG. 4A is a side view of the worm gear of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C;

FIG. 4B is an end view of the worm gear of FIG. 4A of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C;

FIG. 4C is a side view of the extension rod which may be used with the worm gear of FIG. 4A of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C;

FIG. 5A is a side view of the elevation shaft of the leveling device of FIG. 1A which depicts an end configuration adapted to receive a pad;

FIG. 5B is an end view of the elevation shaft of FIG. 5A of the leveling device of FIG. 1A viewed from the end adapted to receive a pad;

FIG. 5C is an end view of the elevation shaft of FIG. 5A of the leveling device of FIG. 1A viewed from the end opposite FIG. 5B;

FIG. 5D is an end view of an optional elevation shaft ~~of FIG. 5A~~ of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C viewed from the end opposite FIG. 5B;

FIG. 5E is an end view of another optional elevation shaft ~~of FIG. 5A~~ of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C viewed from the end opposite FIG. 5B;

FIG. 6A is side view of the driven gear retaining collar of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C;

FIG. 6B is an end view of the driven gear retaining collar of FIG. 6A of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C;

FIG. 7A is a side view of ~~the~~ a load-bearing driven gear retainer of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C which may be used in lieu of a collar when the leveling device is installed vertically inverted by 180 degrees;

FIG. 7B is an end view of the load-bearing driven gear retainer of FIG. 7A of the leveling device of FIGS. 1A, 1B, or 1C which may be used in lieu of a collar when the leveling device is installed vertically inverted by 180 degrees;